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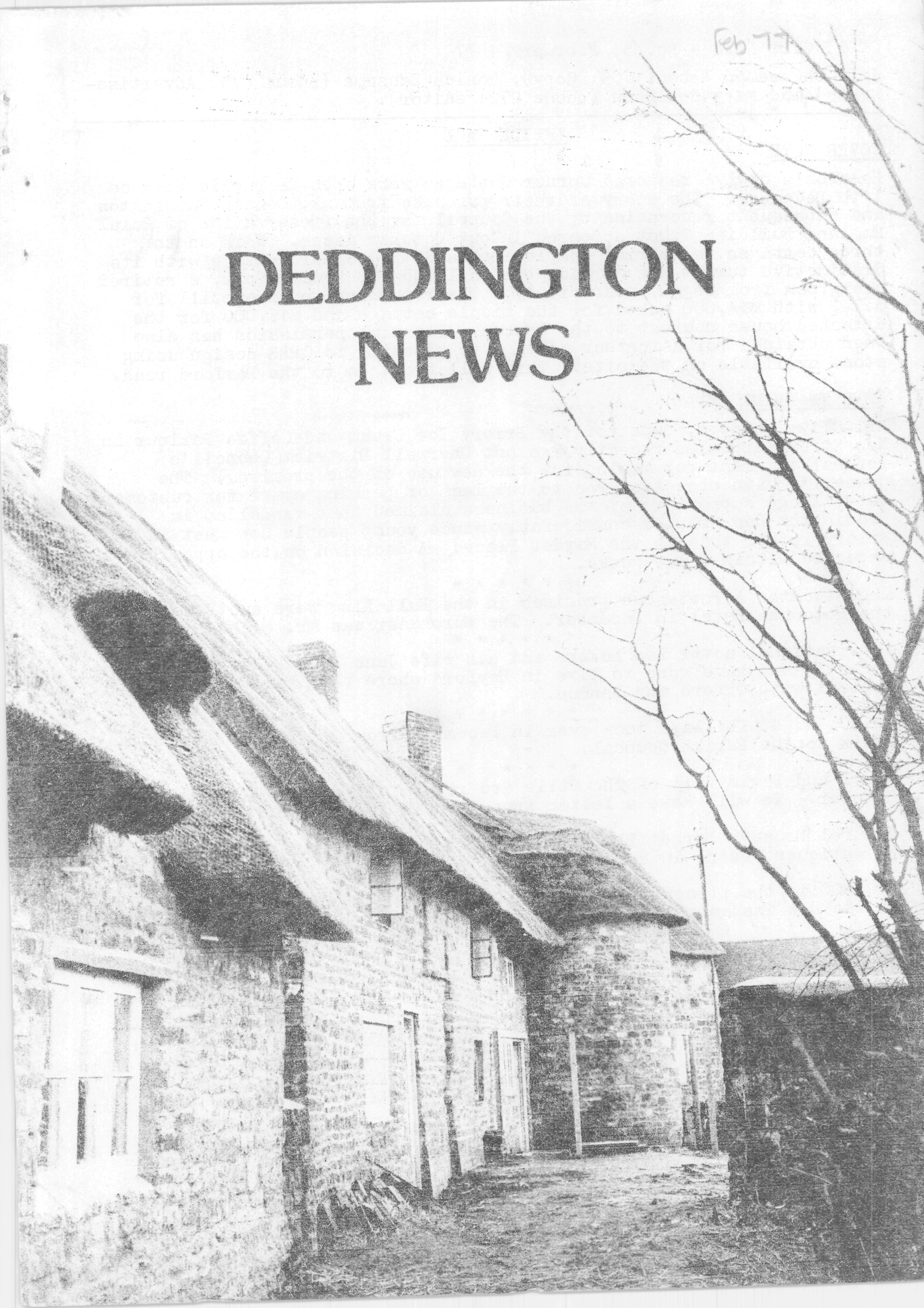

Jill Cheeseman (phone 609: Copy), Monica Sansome (phone 473: Advertisements) and Mary Robinson (phone 272: editor).

INSIDE PAGE

COVER NOTE

Hempton's newly restored Corner Cottages were open to public view on 11th December. The story of their purchase from Mr. Dennis Washington and subsequent renovation by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England Building Trust appeared in our October issue. Work on the three cottages is nearing completion, and the corner cottage with its distinctive turret has already been sold to Mr. Howard Cole, a retired clergyman from Coggs, near Witney. The remaining two are still for sale, with £14,000 asked for the middle cottage and £16,000 for the detached house nearest to the church. Planning permission has also been obtained for a further cottage to be built to CPRE design using stone available on the site. This will front on to the Barford road.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. Clive Sanders, owner of the Priory Ice Cream and Coffee Parlour in New Street appealed recently against Cherwell District Council's refusal to grant permission for the new use of the premises. The Council's main objection was to the lack of parking space for customers, but village supporters of the business claimed that vandalism in Deddington has dropped considerably since young people now meet in the Priory rather than in the Market Place. A decision on the appeal is expected within a few weeks.

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The Stockton & Fortescue premises in the Bull Ring were auctioned at the Holcombe Hotel in December. The purchaser was Mr. Michael O'Neill.

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International actor Leo McKern and his wife Jane left Deddington recently and have gone to live in Heyford where they have easier rail contact with Oxford and London.

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Mr. C. W. G. Phillips took over in December from Mr. Lewis Foreman as Clerk to the Parish Council.

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Beryl and David Wall of The Stile are returning from South Africa in October. We will have a letter from them in Pretoria next month.

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"Laurel House", Market Place, (next to the Post Office) is opening as an Antiques Centre in March.

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£22,000 is the present replacement value of the Town Hall, according to the new insurance cover to be taken out.

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Estimates are to be sought for repairing the bench seat which stood outside the Holly Tree Club until it was broken and then moved by vandals. If the seat cannot be repaired, it will be replaced.

Our thanks to the Rev. George Palmer for printing, to Rob Sansome for advertisement design and to Colin Robinson for the cover photograph; to the Guides and Scouts for distribution and especially to the Holliday boys for delivering the News in Clifton every month; and to Moya Hassan and the team of staplers.

Grateful thanks also to the W.I. and Deddington Ladies for their £5 donations.

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SILVER JUBILEE 1977

From now to June 7th, the News will include details of Jubilee celebrations, fund-raising events and we will show a monthly record of funds received. June 7th will be a celebration day for everyone, starting with a Carnival procession, followed by a tea party in the Market Place for the children. In the evening, the Market Place will be the scene of a Jubilee Dance with a Disco running in the Bull Ring for young people. All those under 16 will be presented with a celebration mug. The Parish Church will be holding a Flower Festival and Crafts Exhibition. We have a busy and enjoyable day ahead.

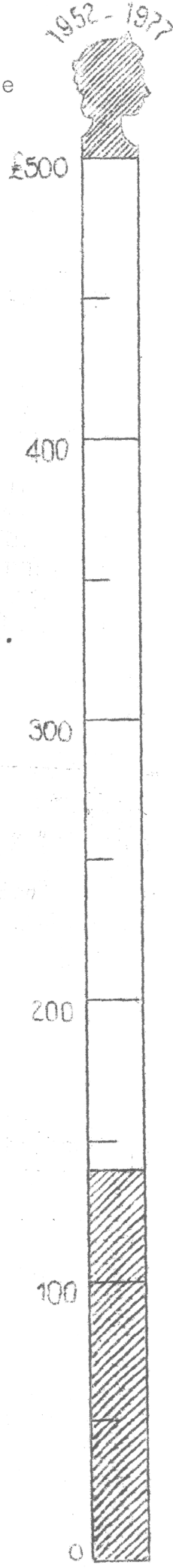
BUT to keep these celebrations free of charge for everyone we need everyone to make a fund-raising contribution. Many thanks to the Women's Institute, Hempton Residents' Association, the Primary School PTA, and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Powell for their generous contributions towards the Jubilee Fund. Many other organisations have also promised financial support, and plans are being made to organise various fund-raising events.

So what can YOU do to help?

- Please support all fund-raising events.
- If you would like to make a personal donation, please contact Eric Kimble (Treasurer), 4 Windmill Close. Phone 8164.
- Think about organising money-making events of your own - coffee mornings, sponsored activities etc.
- Buy raffle tickets - you may win a portable TV set, a camera or one of the other many prizes. Sell tickets at work and to friends outside Deddington.
- Pop that small change into collecting tins on shop counters.
- How about joining the Carnival procession? The theme is "Great Britain". Think of an original idea for a float or walking fancy dress. Decorate your car (vintage?) motor bike, bicycle, horse, dog, cat, guinea-pig, white mouse!
- Enter the Carnival Queen competition - open to all Deddington, Hempton and Clifton ladies. Start those exercises and make-up classes now! See later issues for details.

If any of these suggestions appeal to you, or you have ideas of your own, please contact any Jubilee Committee member, or phone me on Deddington 473.

Monica Sansome



STOP PRESS

Don't forget to look for the mile of pennies in the Market Place on Saturday 5th February (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Can we make it 2 miles? Buy a cup of coffee too while you watch the pennies grow.

WANTED FOR THE JUBILEE ISSUE OF DEDDINGTON NEWS: Any recollections of Deddington's celebration of Coronation Day 1952 or King George V's Jubilee in 1935. Please contact Mary Robinson (272).

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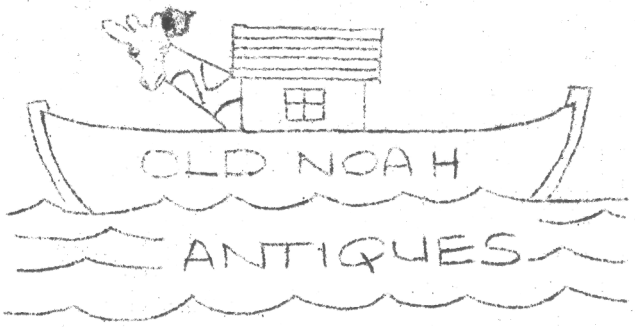

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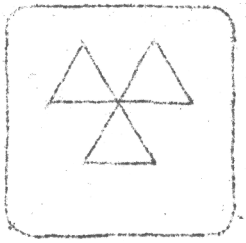

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DEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB

The A.G.M. was held on 26th November at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, with J. Scott in the Chair. Silence was observed for two members - R.R.S. Asser, a past President, and W. Pullen - who died during the year.

The Treasurer reported that finances were satisfactory and presented the balance sheet. All officials were re-elected except F.T. Deely whose resignation from the captaincy was accepted with regret; he was thanked for his long and devoted services, and he has agreed to be Vice-Captain. He was successful in both the singles and pairs competitions this year: condolences to L. Hudson, and E. Y oung and A. Evans who for the second year in succession were, respectively, runners-up in those events. Entries for the County Competitions in the coming year will be much as usual.

All were thanked who had helped to run the Club, and especially Mrs. Fuller, who has organized the refreshments and supervised the raffles, and the Captain who has contrived, in a year when the drought made conditions peculiarly difficult, to keep the Bowling Green up to a high standard. The Club would welcome new members: anyone, whether expert or beginner, who is interested should get in touch with the Secretary, J. M. French, Earls Lane, Deddington (phone 287).

Frank Crofts

CHAMBER OF TRADE

The Deddington Chamber of Trade is hoping to establish a regular monthly meeting for its members and other traders in the village. The first of these will be held in the Crown and Tuns meeting room, (right hand side of the entrance), on the last Friday in February - 25th from 8.0 p.m. on. The Chamber extends a warm welcome to all Deddington traders or others interested in coming to this meeting.

Douglas Ward

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

Our play, "The Legend of the Brownies" was very well supported by parents and friends when it was performed on December 7, and the Brownies were delighted that so many came. Thanks to everyone's generosity we made a profit of £21.60 from entrance money, selling refreshments and the Bring and Buy stall. The Brownies would like to thank everybody who helped us beforehand, particularly the mothers who made the costumes and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Wright and Sgt. Rignall who helped us get the stage and scenery ready.

The Brownies also collected £4.80 by themselves from small amounts brought each week as a Christmas good turn. This will help the Girl Guides' Association buy a Guide Dog for a blind person. We had a letter from them saying that we will have a share in the 12th dog bought in this way by Brownies all over Great Britain.

As a contribution to the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Brownies have undertaken to pick up litter in the Horse Fair, Market Place, Bull Ring and Hudson Street. They are going to do this once a week for half an hour before their weekly meeting on Tuesdays during the months of British Summer Time. The Parish Council is going to provide us with plastic bags for the litter. Could each Brownie wear an old glove and maybe use a small spiked stick? We hope that this will be a successful idea, and of real benefit to Deddington this summer.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

CHURCH NEWS

Children's Plays

Although Christmas seems so long ago we must mention the two plays performed by our children. First the Brownie play - "Legend of the Brownies". One could almost believe that Brown Owl and her helpers did have "magic", for it could only have been something like this which transformed the twenty or so youngsters we know so well into word perfect young actors who presented their play to a full hall of adults. The play itself was well written, and although the denouement was predictable, an air of suspense was maintained by the cast. Congratulations to them all for a most enjoyable evening and for their play which was worthy of a better setting and lighting on the stage, but this will come in time as the Windmill Hall is used more. We must consider ourselves fortunate to have for our use the facilities of the former Windmill School and the Hall.

Then the School Play, with a total cast of all the children each doing their part according to their capability, and with the assistance of teachers and parents who provided the lighting. Nearly every parent was present in Church to see this polished presentation of the Nativity story in words, mime and music; all of them were good, but it was inevitable that the Ox and Ass, together with the baby angels and their carol should attract the greatest interest. The audience wanted to clap, but felt constrained in Church, but when the Vicar thanked the cast and used the familiar words and actions of Bruce Forsyth in the Generation Game, the applause which followed was long and loud. This is the first time that the school has used the stage in Church in the evening, and we very much hope that we shall see more presentations in the future.

Church of England Children's Society

Our Church Council supports this Society, sending £40 to them each year. As well as this Mrs. Margaret Berry collected £25.59 over the Christmas period and with the £19 collection at the school play, quite a nice sum has been given to the Society. Thank you all for your support.

Family Fellowship

The Ploughman's lunches organised by the Mothers' Union for mothers and children have proved so popular that the last lunch had to be transferred to the Holly Tree Clubroom as the number expected (30 adults and 23 children) was too large to be accommodated in Boulderdyke, Clifton, or in any other private house. Despite the snow 24 adults and 18 children were entertained and the success was such that it is hoped to have another lunch shortly.

Pantomime

45 members of the Church visited the Pantomime at "The Theatre", Chipping Norton. With a large number in such an intimate theatre we were able to co-operate fully with the cast in a truly old-fashioned Panto designed with the children in mind. The players, who knew we were coming, were able to include Deddington in their script, and so expert were they that many of their lines were "ad lib" taking the cues from our children. So with this marked audience participation, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the adults had the two-fold pleasure of watching the Pantomime and observing the reactions of the children.

Queen's Jubilee

Sunday, 6th February is the day when we remember our Queen's Accession at the 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

Ash Wednesday

23rd February - the first day of Lent. Holy Communion with hymns at 8.0 p.m.

George Palmer

DEDDINGTON LADIES

Three Christmas events brought 1976 to a close for Deddington Ladies. Our own dinner at the Holly Tree club was most enjoyable with the Blue Peach Catering providing a fine meal, as they did last time.

The old folks party really went with a swing. The hall was filled to capacity and after the meal everyone relaxed to enjoy the variety show put on by members of the club and the afternoon was brought to a fitting end with a sing-song of old time songs and carols. Johnny Chuckles provided the entertainment at the children's party and Father Christmas arrived after tea to take orders!

The New Year began with an eventful A.G.M. on January 5th. The new increased annual subscription of 25p did not deter many new members from enrolling. A repeat performance of the variety show brought the evening to an hilarious close.

The Committee for 1977 stands as follows:- Janice Middleton (Chairman), Mina Pegram (Treasurer), Maggie Rampley (Secretary), Mary Boss, Mary Rignall, Pat Brittain, Rowena Hutton, Jackie Stammers, Anne Paull, Juliet O'Kane, and Pat Franklin.

A varied programme for 1977 is in the process of being arranged: the next meeting is on 2nd March which will probably be a fashion show. Other events planned include a canal trip, coach trip to Vale of Evesham, garden party and visits by interesting speakers and demonstrators.

We meet every 1st Wednesday 8.0 p.m. at the Holly Tree Club, and at all meetings we run a "Good 2nd hand" clothing shop.

Maggie Rampley, Secretary

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Calling all cooks! The Guides are having an Open Evening on 15th February at 7.15 with a cake competition for everyone to enter - yes everyone, even Dads. We have recipe leaflets available for the 3 age classes - rock cakes, shortbread and butterfly cakes. Please see any Guide or leader for a recipe - and please do enter. The proceeds will help with our Jubilee donations, and with our own census money which we have to pay soon. Along with our cake competition (the cakes will be sold after judging) the Guides will be showing a display for our "Thinking Day" celebrations - What is "Thinking Day"? Come and find out! Everyone is welcome at the Windmill School - 7.15 on 15th.

Jenny Jones

W. I. NEWS

At our December meeting members enjoyed an excellent Christmas Dinner served by "Blue Peach" Catering Service. The tables looked very attractive and were enhanced by table decorations made by members. The winners of the competition were (1) Mrs. P. Jones, (2) Mrs. F. Ivings and (3) Mrs. E. Brain.

In January we had a speaker from Upper Heyford Base. She told us about her life and career as a serving officer whose husband is also based at Upper Heyford. Among her comments she praised British television programmes and said how friendly she found the people in this locality, and how much she and her husband enjoyed living in England.

Competition winners for a favourite Christmas card were (1) Mrs. E. Brain, (2) Mrs. P. Jones and (3) Mrs. Edith Garrett. The next meeting is on 8th February.

Betty Caporn

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..."TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US"

The Editor has asked me, an illiterate but unashamedly enthusiastic amateur, to write a piece about returning to Deddington after a two year absence in southern Germany. To begin with, my credentials for so doing are probably bogus, but having spent eight of the last seventeen years in Europe gives us perhaps a bi-focal view of England. What follows is therefore, at best, a random scatter of impressions.

We are undoubtedly the poor man of Europe, Italy apart. If one is paid, as we were, in sterling and has to translate this into the German Mark and the American Dollar to live, then the point is even more forcibly made. The European doesn't necessarily work harder or longer, but he produces more efficiently, is better organised and is able to invest more in the things which produce wealth. Of course, there are some things which we do better than our E.E.C. partners, but all too often we are a poor second. If we are to live permanently on other people's money, then the inconveniences of the debtors' prison should not surprise us.

But there are compensations for an Englishman who wishes to live in England. Now that last summer's drought is behind us, green is a different colour in England, probably because of the broad leafed tree. I hope that Dutch Elm disease (and I see too that the sycamore is now at risk) and the drought will not radically change this.

Then there is the subtlest of all ball games, cricket. Last year I was lucky to catch the fag end of a successful season at North Aston. A nicer place to play cricket and a better set of blokes to play it with is difficult to envisage. My NATO counterparts were always puzzled by this unofficial religion. I see too that there has been an allotment revolution since we left, reflecting not that the sweat of the brow is uplifting, but that vegetable prices have been, considerably. It is a delight too to return to the quality of dear old Aunty B.B.C., to my mind the best service in the world. Of community spirit, I can only refer you to the final chapter of Rowland Parker's classic piece of detective work on an English village, "The Common Stream", but then Parker is another enthusiastic amateur!

Bill Drake

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,
I was interested to find that the editor does make corrections to articles offered to her. I always spell Kalendar with a 'K' as it comes from the Latin Kalends, but I note that the 'K' got turned into a 'C' in your last issue.

This correction set me wondering whether W.G.G. had been wrongfully accused of illiteracy in your October edition, especially as the letter in which this accusation was made, itself contains a number of blemishes. Y ou see how closely we read the Deddington News and how carefully we preserve old copies because we have appreciated them.

I must hope for 1977 that Maggie, our next prim minestrone, will follow Shirley in rooting out forever the ill literacy which pervades our scools today. I hope also that, as the feteful summer season approaches again, a more charitable liberal spirit will steel into Deddington.

C. R. M. Isaac
P.S. Any errors which may creep into this letter will be seen as direct evidence of something long suspected in Hempton - evidence that is of a dastardly plot by the Rhodesian government to discredit the Liberal Party of this country at a time of critical negotiations about the future of Southern Africa.

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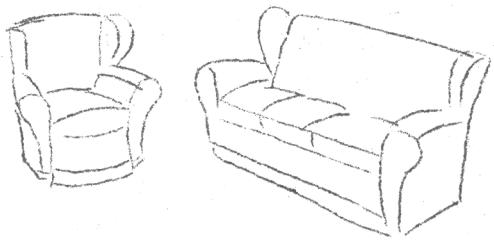

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PRECEPTS 1977/78
Mr. Phillips had circulated Councillors with copies of the Precepts (forecasts of Council expenditure) which he had drawn up for the coming year. The total sum required is £2,425, made up of £725 for the General Account and £1,700 for the Lighting Account. At present a local rate of 1p is levied, bringing in £1,450 and it was felt that this might have to be increased to cover the 1977/78 requirement. Councillors unanimously agreed to Mr. Fuller's proposal that the Precepts be accepted.

DESIGNATION OF DEDDINGTON AS A "TOWN"
The meeting discussed Mr. Drake's proposal that in Jubilee Year Deddington should regain its status as a town and appoint a Mayor, This could be done without any cost to ratepayers. Mr. Welford was concerned about the status of Clifton and Hempton - would they lose their identity and simply become suburbs of Deddington? He thought "we should not set out to be what we are not". Mr. Fuller thought the scheme would have had more merit 20 or 30 years ago when, for example, the courts were still in existence. Mr. Ward said that Councillors had sounded out local opinion and in voting they would be reflecting the feeling of Deddington in general. Mr. Drake's proposal, seconded by Mr. Hayward, was defeated by 7 votes to 2, with Mr. Garvey and Mr. Mitchell abstaining.

DRAFT RULES FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS
Mr. Phillips had circulated to Councillors a draft Contract for allotment holders. Mr. Welford felt that the allotments had been run quite satisfactorily in the past and proposed that no change be made to the present arrangements. Mr. Drake pointed out that six months ago the Council had felt that tighter regulations were needed and had agreed that a draft contract should be prepared. Mr. Welford felt that problems could be sorted out on a "common sense and fair play" basis and it was decided on a vote that the rules should not be adopted and that arrangements should continue as at present.

DONATIONS TO JUBILEE FUNDS
The Parish Council has been asked to support both the Deddington and Cherwell District Council Jubilee Appeals. On the first appeal, a proposal was made by Mr. Welford that the Council should reimburse the Deddington Jubilee Committee for the cost of a commemorative mug for each child in the Parish up to the age of 16 on 8th June 1977. This is estimated to cost approximately £105. The proposal was accepted unanimously. It was also agreed, on a proposal from Mr. Ward, to donate £10 to Cherwell District Council's Prince of Wales' Youth Appeal.

PHOTOCOPIER OFFER
Mr. Clifford Collin of Clifton has offered to the Parish Council a photocopier, free of charge and in good working order. The offer was unanimously and gratefully accepted.

Mary Robinson

CORRESPONDENCE

Although Christmas seems an age away, I feel I must say a few words of thanks, on behalf of my family and fellow village carollers, to the organisers of the "Round the Tree" carol session on Christmas Eve in the Market Place. The "those-who-choose-a-carol -lead-it!" policy brought to light hidden singing talents! The children's excitement and candles and lanterns all helped to create a warm atmosphere on a cold night. It got Christmas off to a fine start for us and we look forward to joining in again this year.

Maggie Rampley

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1st DEDDINGTON CUB SCOUTS

We would like to thank all those who made donations towards our firework display in November.

An enjoyable Christmas Party was held for the Cubs on Sunday, 19th December. We were most grateful to receive help from parents with hanging the decorations - thank you. A special thank you must be extended to Linda and Geoff Watts who prepared the "fare".

Note: There will be no Cubs on Monday, 21st February - half-term.

We are pleased to report that Marcus Berry and Martin Rolfe have been made up to sixers and Carl Davies, Robert Freeman and Martin Jacques have been made up to seconders. In addition to their Arrow work, the Cubs are also working towards extra badges. These cover a wide range of interests which include - Artist, Explorer, Scientist, Fisherman and Hobbies.

The Cub/Scouts wish to thank everyone for saving waste paper. The next collection will be on Saturday, 12th February.

We look forward to seeing you at our St. Valentine's Dance on Friday, 11th February (full details in display advertisement in this issue). I should be very happy to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining the Cub/Scout Committee (tel: 441).

A. R. Welford, Group Scout Leader

CLIFTON NEWS

Residents and motorists alike will be grateful to those - especially Mr. Donald Welford - who have for so long urged the authorities to put up name signs on the road at either end of the village: this has now been done.

Birth: On November 15th to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clews, of The Hollies, a daughter.

Frank Crofts

HOLLY TREE CLUB

The Holly Tree Club had a splendid time at the big party, kindly provided by the Deddington Ladies. I understand that as well as masses to eat there was an excellent entertainment put on by their hostesses. From all accounts it was a grand party and especially kind of the people who worked so hard and provided all the 'goodies'.

Mrs. Harpur and Mrs. French gave a small party to the committee of the Holly Tree Club. This was a lovely little gathering, with a delicious tea most beautifully arranged, most of which had been cooked by Mrs. French. It ended with delightful slides of the Dutch parks and gardens, which were really a joy to behold. The Club ended its year with a slap-up dinner at the Holly Tree Club which included turkey and all that goes with it, a very nice table wine, and sherry before, kindly presented by Mrs. Collin. Afterwards "Miss Briggs and Bridie" entertained by special request. On re-reading these notes it sounds more like a gastronomic festival than Christmas celebrations in a village; but it was all much appreciated and great fun.

E. Vivien Edmonds, Hon. Sec., Holly Tree Club

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A BRIEF HISTORY

"The Club was formed in 1945 to provide practice and competition with small arms, and to maintain friendly associations formed during service with the Homeguard in the war years 1939-45. Membership is now open to all residents in the district who are approved by the Executive Committee of the Club".

The above extract from the Club Rules describes in a nutshell the desire of the local Homeguard Company to extend the comradeship that had united them during the war. Initially the Club was made up by the platoons from Duns Tew, Middle Barton, Barford and Deddington. The driving force behind the idea was the Company Commanding Officer, the late Major A. J. Morris. His efforts, above all others, kept the Club alive, firstly as Secretary until 1966, then as Treasurer until his death in 1972. Flippantly compared to "Dad's Army" in more recent years, the Major's formal exterior hid a kind and helpful man.

In the early days facilities were spartan to say the least as shooting took place on a disused range at R. A. F. Barford. Inclement weather added urgency to the search for an indoor range, and arrangements for a site on the Deddington Castle Grounds were finalised. Three Ex W.D. nissen huts were purchased from R.A.F. Enstone and in 1950 an indoor range was completed at a total cost of £221, no small sum in those days. It is interesting to note that to help raise this money many members bought 10/- shares in a Club scheme and such was their enthusiasm that very few of them were ever redeemed.

During the fifties and early sixties the Homeguard members were slowly becoming outnumbered by the residents. In 1961 a pistol section was also formed. Towards the end of 1966 Major Morris expressed the wish to resign to make way for a younger person. His place was taken by Mrs. Monica Powell who has been Secretary ever since.

For many years our President wasthe late Major Philip Fleming of Barton Abbey. Noteable Vice Presidents have included Sir George Schuster, the late Sir Henry Dashwood and Lord Sandford. Today our President is Mr. W. G. A. Middleton who has represented Great Britain at clay pigeon shooting.

Deddington is a leading club in the area, with members regularly representing Oxfordshire in both the rifle and pistol teams. At least once a year some of us visit our "Mecca", the Annual Bisley Championships. In the early seventies it became apparent that new premises must be seriously considered, Although some maintenance had been carried out, 26 years had taken their toll of the steel shell of the range building. For some time we had been using a sandpit at Duns Tew as an official outdoor range during the summer months, so it seemed logical, that given the blessing of the owner, a new indoor range might be built on this site. Our request was successful.

At the moment we have stored away a large amount of concrete panels and asbestos sheets, the nucleus of a new range. This represents a great deal of fund raising in recent years, Xmas Draws, weekly raffles, etc., not to mention a substantial increase in subscriptions. A lot of effort from the members is still needed and I know will be willingly given. We hope the new range will be completed in 1977. "Dad's Army" will then be on the move again and although most of us never served with, in fact some have never heard of, the Homeguard, we hope we can continue to carry on where they left off.

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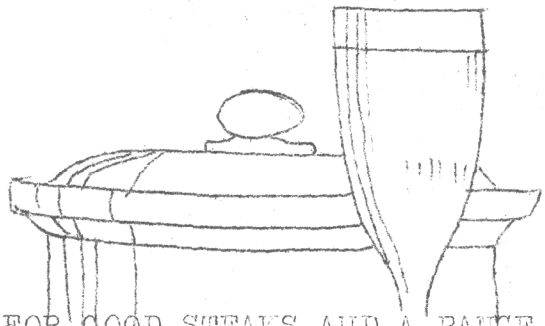

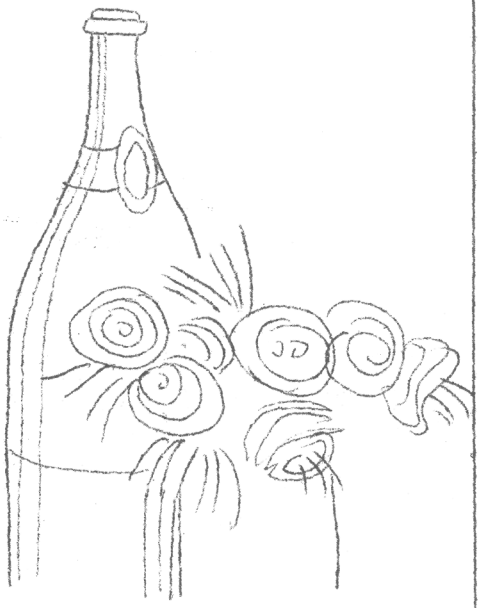

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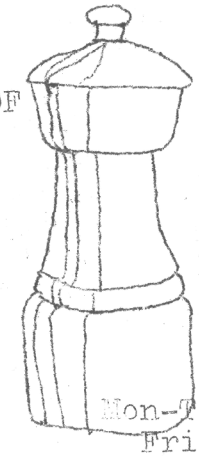

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HEMPTON NEWS

Since the last edition of Deddington News most of the activities in Hempton have been Christmas ones. Just before Christmas a group of adults and children went round carol singing to give presents to the older residents. One senior citizen said the singing was better than last year and in true Christmas spirit we took this as a compliment!

Father Christmas' special love for Hempton was seen again this year. After all his exertions of the night, he made a second call with presents for the children on Christmas morning. This year Mr. Hall and Mr. Webber gave up time to drive his trailor round to all the houses where Father Christmas had been informed there were children at home.

After a Christmas morning service in the Church we are grateful to the vicar for conducting a carol service the next day. Thanks are chiefly due to Mrs. Caporn for arranging the service again and coaching the ten or so children who read so excellently at the service. Mrs. Thomas' flower arrangements were much appreciated, but it seems most appropriate at this time to thank Miss White. She not only prepared the Church for the carol service, which was packed, but she prepares it fortnight by fortnight throughout the year for the smaller number who go to Communion at the Hempton Church. I know that many people would like her to be publicly thanked for what she has and is doing.

C. R. M. Isaac

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A warm welcome is expressed to all the ladies of Deddington to the "Women's World Day of Prayer", which is to be held this year in the Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square, Deddington, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 4th March 1977, speaker Mrs. North.

Women's World Day of Prayer Committee

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Pat Jones and Mrs. Freda Powell wish to thank everyone who helped with their coffee evening on Friday 21st January which was highly successful. £50 were raised towards the Jubilee celebrations.

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Thank you on behalf of the community to Mrs. Lewis of The Daedings who, since our comments on the litter problem, has been picking up litter around the village.

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Thank you to all those who have lent us old photographs of Deddington to copy. We are getting together a fascinating collection and hope to show them in the Church Jubilee exhibition. Meanwhile any other pictures you can dig out of drawers and lofts would be much appreciated.

Mary and Colin Robinson, Quinque House, New Street.

DIARY OF EVENTS

February	5:	Jubilee Mile of Pennies, Market Place
	8:	W. I. meeting
	11:	Scouts Dance
	15:	Guides Open Evening
	23:	Parish Council meeting
	23:	Congregational Church Film
	25:	Chamber of Trade meeting
March	2:	Deddington Ladies meeting
	4:	Women's World Day of Prayer
July	9:	School P.T.A. Fete

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